

CHAPTER 93**(HB 269)**

AN ACT relating to the Kentucky Environmental Education Council.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:

➔Section 1. KRS 157.915 is amended to read as follows:

The functions of the council shall be to:

- (1) Create and update annually a five (5) year management and operational plan to make as effective as possible the coordination, delivery, and marketing of all state environmental education programs;
- (2) Establish an interagency subcommittee to advise the council on environmental education matters;
- (3) Establish and help coordinate the activities of regional environmental education centers and advisory committees at all state universities ***and at the central office of the Kentucky Community and Technical College System*** to serve as networks for the dissemination of environmental education programs, materials, and information across the state;
- (4) Establish a competitive system for awarding grants for the establishment and maintenance of regional environmental education centers;
- (5) Seek and receive private support to fund state and regional environmental education initiatives;
- (6) Assist in the integration and evaluation of environmental education in existing school curricula;
- (7) Monitor and report periodically on environmental literacy in Kentucky and continually assess trends and needs in environmental education on a local, state, national, and global basis; and
- (8) Make recommendations and seek changes through regulations, legislation, and other means to promote environmental literacy in Kentucky.

Signed by Governor March 22, 2013.